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Prentice pledges to restore funding for post-secondaries**'We've seen this movie before.'**

Opponent says funding plan defies logic

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The perceived front-runner in the race to replace former premier Alison Redford has pledged to restore the remaining funds cut from Alberta's post-secondary sector in the 2013 budget.

A campaign representative confirmed Tuesday that Jim Prentice, one of three vying to lead the provincial Tory party, made the commitment to provincial institutions during a forum in Edmonton the night prior.

Prentice, however, wasn't available for an interview to discuss his platform Tuesday, said spokesperson Bill Ander-

son.

"At this point in the campaign, Jim's focus is on meeting as many Albertans as he can face-to-face and connecting with people in their communities," Anderson said in an email.

Still, the potential of a cash-flow bump was enough to excite Mount Royal University President David Docherty.

"I think there's a recognition that there's 100,000 more people coming to Alberta every year.... There's probably recognition that we have one of the lower participation rates in the country," Docherty said. "Anything we can do to increase access — and restoring the funding is going towards increasing access for students — I more than welcome that."

Docherty made it clear he wasn't endorsing Prentice in the ongoing race and hadn't heard the comments from Prentice himself.

Mount Royal was one of the schools hit hardest by a nine

per cent turnaround in once-promised funding in the 2013 budget. In all, \$147 million was cut from the sector, and many schools were forced to cut programs, staff and trim student spaces in response.

The province has since returned \$82.5 million in funding, but some schools remain well short of projections from a few years ago.

Fellow Tory leadership candidate Thomas Lukaszuk, who was in charge of the province's advanced education ministry when the budgetary axe came down, said Prentice's plan for funding both post-secondary and primary education "defies mathematics and logic." He added that Redford's run as premier is a prime example that hefty election promises don't always come to fruition.

"That's why yesterday in the forum I said, 'Be careful, we've seen this movie before: promising everybody everything and promising no new taxes,'" he said. **WITH FILES FROM CANDICE WARD**

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The Redford effect

Province tightens rules on use of government planes

The Alberta government is tightening rules for government aircraft following a harsh report that outlined inappropriate use of the planes by former premier Alison Redford.

Finance Minister Doug Horner said that guests or family members on the planes will have to be pre-approved and commercial flight options considered.

A quarterly update with details of all flights and their costs is also to be done, he said Tuesday.

A ban on using the planes for out-of-province travel remains. Redford brought in the restriction after questions arose last spring about her travel habits, including a \$45,000 trip to South Africa for Nelson Mandela's funeral.

Horner said it will be up to whomever is chosen Alberta premier next month in the Tory leadership race to make any further changes.

Earlier this month, auditor general Merwan Saher found that Redford and her office used government aircraft for personal and partisan use.

He said there was an "aura of power" surrounding Redford and her office, along with a perception that the influence of the office should not be questioned."

Dave Hancock, who took over from Redford when she resigned as premier in March, apologized for the misuse of the planes.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

AMP Radio stops chopping up songs

Industry backlash.
Quickhitz not a hit with musicians



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Fearing a courtroom fight with musicians, a Calgary radio station shelved its new format that saw truncated songs played at a more rapid pace.

The decision by 90.3 AMP Radio came Tuesday, a little more than two weeks after the station introduced its new offering, dubbed Quickhitz.

Each song the station played had been edited for length by Vancouver-based SparkNet Communications — the bulk of tunes hitting the radio afterward ranged between 1:45 to 2:30. Common song elements to hit the cutting-room floor were lengthy intros, instrumental solos and repeated choruses.

But many had been quick to criticize the station's decision. Calgary singer-songwriter Jann Arden went on a days-long Twitter tirade earlier in the month and rallied support for listeners to boycott AMP altogether.

"Does anybody know of an art gallery that I can go to to look at paintings that are half covered up?" she wrote in one of her tamer posts on Aug. 7.

On Tuesday, however, Arden stayed relatively silent on social media.

"I have no comment," she wrote in one post, later adding, "Having an opinion is one



Jann Arden, seen playing at the Alberta Flood Aid benefit concert last year, had rallied support for a boycott of 90.3 AMP Radio after its new format debuted. METRO FILE

thing; having no opinion is another."

Steve Jones, vice-president of programming for AMP's parent company Newcap Radio, said it's likely his organization would have been hit with lawsuits had they pressed ahead with the Quickhitz formula. He deemed Tuesday's return disappointing but said Newcap would be discussing potential options for the service to thrive going forward.

"It's easy to bring it back and hopefully we'll get a chance," Jones said Tuesday. "Our only real disappointment ... (is) that the consumers didn't get to decide what was right for Calgary."

AMP was playing 24 songs an hour, double the output of a traditional station, and

Quick suitz?

A representative with SparkNet Communications said it supported AMP Radio's decision to stop using its Quickhitz format. The organization plans to look at its service and discuss it over the coming months before determining whether it could be used at other stations, according to

Hillary Hommy, vice-president of brands and networks.

- She said if AMP had maintained its Quickhitz format, it would have likely led to a "massive (legal) feud over a number of years" with music-industry representatives.

Jones has said such a format would allow his station to play a more diverse range of music.

But longtime AMP listener Elysse Berg said she hadn't heard many new tunes since the Quickhitz formula debuted, adding the new format angered her to the point

that she considered switching stations permanently.

"I felt like it demeaned the artist," she said. "I felt the songs just didn't flow properly — it didn't sound right."

"They were playing the same songs double. That's pointless."

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Lisa Housley is seen with her three-year-old daughter Drew and one of the family's prized hens, named Chickenwing. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Chickenwing nibbles on some kale. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Lisa Housley shows two eggs recently laid by her urban hens. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Meet the Housley family and their backyard hens

Community chickens.
Buying and feeding the hens is not expensive, says Lisa Housley

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A gentle clucking noise greets Lisa Housley as she opens the door to the backyard of her Lakeview home.

It's there where she and her husband have modified a dog run into a home for three four-year-old hens — Chickenwing, Genevieve and Poulet.

"The darker ones are French so we gave them French names," she says with a laugh.

The trio walk around the pen in a calm, collected manner, occasionally sampling a fresh kale plant Housley has put inside.

The mother of three is the first to admit she's no farmer but says her husband had longed to give backyard chickens a try. When the family dog died last year, it seemed as good a time as any to give it a try.

Five months after the hens were introduced to the urban home, Housley says, "I'm totally converted."

"The No. 1 thing is my kids learning about where food

comes from," she said. "It's a really neat life lesson for them to be able to go, 'Oh, that's where my eggs come from; when I have chicken on my plate a life has been given for that.'

The hens each produce an egg about every 25 hours in a specially designated laying spot in a wooden coop at the end of their pen. Housley says there's a distinct difference between the fresh offerings and those found in a store-bought carton.

"The taste is more rich, and the yolks are as orange as my tomatoes over there," she says, motioning to a nearby plant.

There are also some common misconceptions, she says.

For starters, they're not smelly. In fact, Housley said the dog that used to roam the backyard run tended to carry a bit more odour than her hens.

They're not expensive. Housley says purchasing a hen runs between \$5-25 and it costs less than \$10 a month to feed her trio high-quality organic food.

They're not noisy. Beside the gentle moaning, Housley said Chickenwing is known to sing a bit of a melody after laying an egg, but it's easily drowned out by a school her property backs onto.

But not everyone is sold. Housley said a neighbour phoned bylaw services the day her trio arrived. It's expected

that her husband will be fined up to \$200 for keeping livestock and the family will be forced to send their prized hens elsewhere in short order.

That is, unless city council acts soon. Coun. Ray Jones told Metro on Monday that he and fellow representative Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra will likely bring forward a notice of motion calling for an urban chicken pilot program before the year's out.

"You'd be surprised how many people in the city of Calgary are raising chickens in their backyard and their neighbours don't know," Jones said Monday. "It's not really a big deal."

Urban hens program

Red Deer residents not bothered by their city's urban hens program

Few, if any, feathers have been ruffled in Red Deer, where licences to keep backyard chickens were first handed out in June.

Erin Stuart, the city's development and licensing supervisor, said Tuesday that her department hasn't received a single complaint since the program launched, but noted there are some rigid controls on how many residents maintain a chicken flock.

To date, 65 licences to have chickens have been made available and eight still remained for prospective urban farmers, Stuart said.

The licences were issued after a successful year-long pilot project that saw city officials keep a watchful eye over 35 coops maintained by residents, Stuart said.

"It was brought to our attention approximately three years ago that people had urban chickens in their backyard," she said.

"People were writing in to us on whether they felt they should be permitted, and that is the time when the pilot project was approved so that we could explore that."

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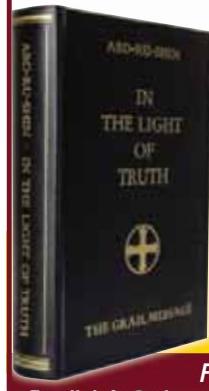
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Mount Royal University is "un-paving a parking lot and putting up an intellectual paradise."

The groundbreaking ceremony for the university's brand-new, 16,000-square-metre Riddell Library and Learning Centre took place Tuesday.

"It will be the intellectual heart of Mount Royal University," said university president David Docherty.

The new library will be four times larger than the current one and will have nearly triple the seating — from 570 seats to about 1,500.

Docherty said libraries are

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The amount given by the Alberta government to the university's Changing the Face of Education campaign, which includes construction of the library



From left: Tristan Smyth, VP of student academic affairs; Bryan Pinney of the board of governors; Manmeet Bhullar, minister of Human Services for the Government of Alberta; Clay Riddell, the namesake donor to Riddell Library and Learning Centre; David Docherty, president of Mount Royal University and Carol Shepstone, the university librarian, break ground on the new, state-of-the-art Riddell Library and Learning Centre on Tuesday. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

possibly more relevant than ever.

"While libraries themselves have evolved beyond a quiet repository for books, the need for students and faculty to have access to timely, relevant and accurate information remains," says Docherty.

"Students need a space that is flexible, where they

can study, think, exchange ideas and create new ones. Where they can experiment and fail before they succeed."

The library will feature a number of different types of learning spaces and will include the latest technology to assist students' learning, such as 3D printers, laser cutters and media creation suites.

"We are filled with excite-

ment today for something boundless," said Tristan Smyth, vice-president of student academic affairs for the university.

"It will not only be a place for independent study but a hub for congregation and partnership."

Funding for the project included provincial money as well as a donation of several

million dollars from the Riddell Family Charitable Foundation to the Changing the Face of Education campaign. The Alberta government contributed almost \$86 million to the campaign, which includes building the facility.

Completion of the library, which will be open to students, staff and the community, is set for 2017.

Scenic Acres

Residents against francophone school to meet with province

Scenic Acres residents up in arms over a planned francophone school in their neighbourhood will sit down with provincial and city officials next week to air their grievances.

But a spokesperson for the community said Tuesday he'd also been reading about a 30-plaintiff lawsuit filed by residents in nearby Varsity last week in a bid to block a Calgary Board of Education school for special-needs students.

Jim Palmer, a community association vice-president and "leader" with the Save Our Park Steering Committee, didn't rule out a similar courtroom claim when asked multiple times.

"I'm not going to comment on that," Palmer said. "Our school situation is different ... in the sense that we're looking at ... a sports park that's not just used by Scenic Acres."

Palmer later added, "I wouldn't like to see legal action, for sure."

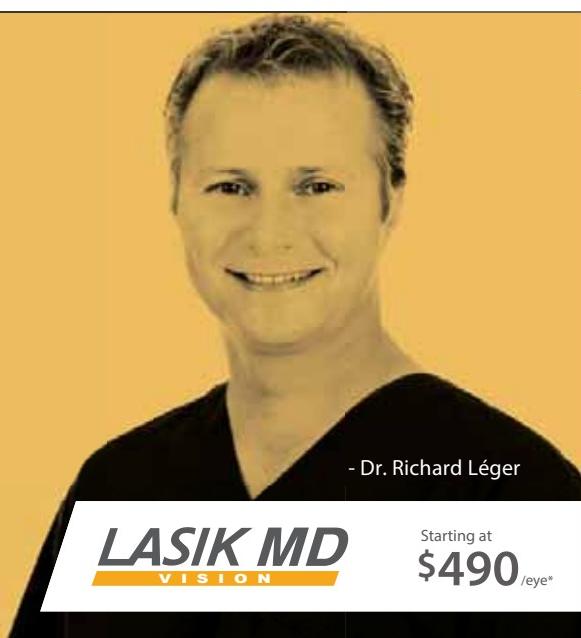
The planned facility, being built by the Conseil Scolaire FrancoSud board, will be a regional site and likely accommodate no more than seven kids from the Scenic Acres area when it opens, Palmer said. The land the school is destined to sit on was also previously declared surplus by the CBE, just like the Varsity site.

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Celebs line up to take Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS



The contest. People dump buckets of ice water on their heads, post the vid to social media and challenge others to do the same

People around the world have found a new way to beat the heat this summer as a cool form of fundraising is spreading quickly through social

media.

The Ice Bucket Challenge was started to help raise both money and awareness for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The challenge involves people recording themselves dumping buckets of ice water onto their head, usually while fully clothed. They then post the video onto social media and challenge three other people to do the same. Those who refuse the challenge are

expected to donate money to an ALS charity of their choice.

Many have answered the call in Calgary, including a large chunk of the Calgary Stampeders and Brian Burke, the president of hockey operations for the Calgary Flames.

Even Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith participated in the challenge, calling out PC Premier Dave Hancock to accept the challenge, which he did Tuesday afternoon.

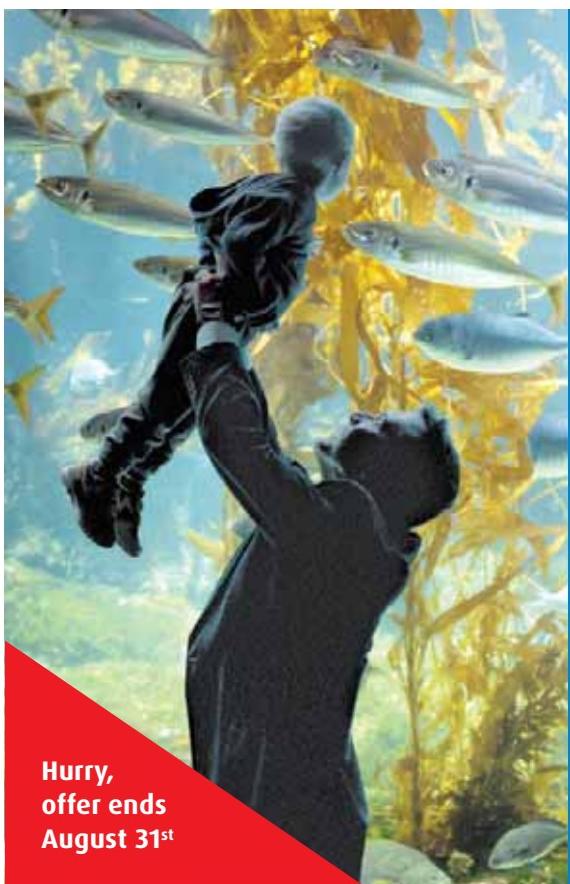
One participant in the challenge was Calgary speed

skater Gilmore Junio, who did it alongside fellow speed skaters Denny Morrison and Jamie Gregg.

"I was very surprised on actually how cold the water was. I was caught off guard by how bone chilling it actually was," said Junio. "But it was for a good cause, and I'm happy to do it."

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More witnesses sought in teen's 2013 killing

Calgary police have put out a new call for witnesses in the vicious November swarming death of Lukas Strasser-Hird.

The 18-year-old was beaten and stabbed multiple times in an alleyway in the 200 block of 10th Avenue S.W. after an earlier altercation inside a nearby nightclub.

Police have since charged one person with first-degree murder, four individuals with

second-degree murder and a sixth person with assault.

But Tuesday, police said they were looking to identify two other men who may have fled the scene in a Mitsubishi Lancer.

In late June, Strasser-Hird's father, Dale Hird, told Metro he believes as many as 15 attackers were involved in his son's death.

"It's extremely hard and

makes me sick to my stomach," he said.

"Knowing that people kicked and stabbed my son to death while probably howling like hyenas is sickening; knowing that they are walking the streets free to do whatever they want is hell on Earth."

Anyone with information on the case can email homicidetips@calgarypolice.ca or contact Crime Stoppers. METRO

Cochrane RCMP

Charges laid in weapons incident

Cochrane RCMP have laid charges after a man was spotted walking around town armed with a rifle and longbow Sunday evening. Benjamin Laslo, 26, has been charged with two counts of carrying a weapon for a purpose dangerous to the public peace. Laslo was due to appear in court Tuesday morning. METRO

Three Hills. Man charged over break-in and sexual assaults at bible college

A man has been charged in relation to a break-in and series of sexual assaults at a Three Hills bible college.

Renie Gall, a 33-year-old from Three Hills, was charged with one count of break-and-enter, six counts of sexual assault and one count of theft under \$5,000. Shortly after 7 a.m. on Sunday, a man broke into the Prairie Bible Institute

Renie Gall

The accused was remanded in custody to appear in Drumheller Provincial Court on Aug. 22 at 10 am.

in Three Hills and sexually assaulted students that were staying in dormitories. METRO

Sixth year running

Calgary ties for fifth on international livability scale

Calgary still has room to improve as a list places it fifth on a list of the most livable cities.

In a recent report by the Intelligence Unit from The Economist, Calgary was tied for fifth on a list of most livable cities in the world, along

with Adelaide, Australia. This is the sixth year in a row that Calgary has placed fifth on the list.

"It feels great to be a part of the city that's doing consistently so well," said Court Ellingson, the manager of research and community sustainability for Calgary Economic Development. "It's exciting to know the energy we feel here every day is being recognized."

Two other Canadian cities made the list. Vancouver and

Toronto made it into third and fourth place, respectively.

The placing of cities is decided by several categories. These five categories are stability, health care, culture and environment, education and infrastructure.

Calgary scored highly in the categories of stability, health care, education and infrastructure, scoring the highest or second highest in those categories among the top 10.

Cities are rated on a scale

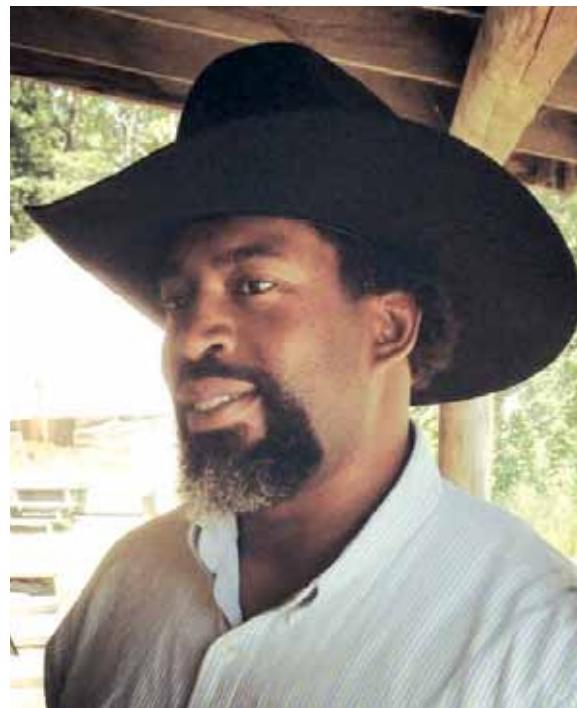
from 1 to 100, with Calgary scoring a 96.6.

Although people in Calgary are glad that their city is doing well, they do admit there are things they can do to improve their standings.

"There are always things that Calgary can look at improving," said Ellingson.

"We're always very happy at the progress we are making. The area where we can be a little bit stronger is in culture and environment."

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Edmonton actor Orville Cameron plays the iconic Alberta cowboy in *John Ware: Reimagined*, which runs at Calgary's Lunchbox Theatre Aug. 22-30. CONTRIBUTED

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The cowboy who helped brand Alberta

John Ware. World premiere play brings past and present together to examine life of iconic founder

As a black girl growing up in Calgary in the '60s and '70s, Cheryl Foggo learned little about John Ware, the iconic black hero and a founder of the province's ranching industry.

"He was part of the cowboy mystique in a cowboy-obsessed city, unusual because black people weren't represented in pop-culture descriptions of that world," said Foggo, who became fascinated with the man who played an important part in the branding of Calgary.

After years of keeping a file on the larger-than-life cowboy, author Foggo and Calgary's Ellipsis Tree Collective are bringing his story to life in a world-premiere play — *John Ware: Reimagined*, a chronicle of Ware's life as seen through the eyes of a young black girl.

"He was a self-made man, a pioneer of Alberta, so why don't Canadians know more about him, the way we do about Louis

How to tame a wild steer

- John Ware was best remembered for his ability to ride and train horses, once called "the only man who could tame a wild steer." Ironically, Ware was killed in a fall in 1905, when the horse he was riding tripped and broke Ware's neck.

- John Ware is namesake of a Calgary junior high school and a building at SAIT Polytechnic. The restored Ware family home now sits at Dinosaur Provincial Park.

Riel?" said Sherwood Park actor Orville Cameron, set to play Ware in the production. "Before it's all said and done, major Canadian cities out west and all of Alberta should know about John Ware."

"The play examines race and identity — what the past has to say about the present," Foggo added. "To me, he was the greatest cowboy of all time, and I don't want that to be forgotten."

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Hundreds rally in Halifax, in show of support for Ferguson

Dressed in her white and black collar with a silver cross dangling from her neck, Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton marched with her hands raised above her head, as her voice resounded with a cry for justice.

"Who am I?" she chanted.

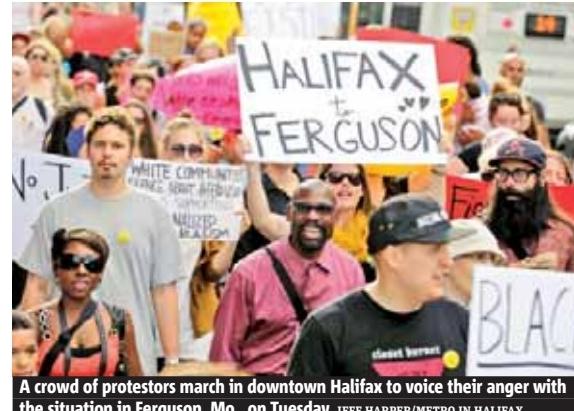
"Mike Brown," the crowd of nearly 500 people shouted back.

The pastor of Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in Halifax, along with other elders and youth from the city's black community, led a march through downtown Halifax on Tuesday evening to show solidarity with the town of Ferguson, Mo., following the shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

Brown was unarmed when he was shot by a Missouri police officer after allegedly stealing cigars from a grocery store with a friend.

Rally organizer El Jones said she sees a strong connection between the teenager's death and the long history of racism and injustice that has plagued Nova Scotia's black community.

"Violence doesn't have to



A crowd of protesters march in downtown Halifax to voice their anger with the situation in Ferguson, Mo., on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

be in the form of a gun to be violent," she said. "Racism happens in covert ways as well as overt ways."

From the destruction of Africville to today's high rates of poverty and crime, Jones believes it's time for black people to come together and raise their voice for change.

Members of the crowd — which included black, white and other races — held signs that read, "hands up, don't

shoot," and "it could have been me."

They eventually gathered in front of the United States Consulate to hear different speakers share their experiences of racism, where Britton left the crowd with a message of hope.

"We are one world, one people, one human race and and every single one of us has value," she said.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/
FOR METRO IN HALIFAX

Focus on Ferguson

Statement from the city

'We plan to learn from this tragedy'

Ferguson's leaders urged residents Tuesday to stay home after dark and pledged to reconnect with the predominantly black community. According to a statement, officials are exploring how to increase the number of African-American applicants to the law-enforcement academy.

"We plan to learn from this tragedy," the leaders said in the statement.

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Protests continue

Two shot, 31 held in Ferguson; cops kill suspect in St. Louis

The National Guard stood by on Monday during another night of unrest in Ferguson.

Capt. Ron Johnson of the Missouri Highway Patrol said at least two people were shot and 31 were arrested.

A crowd also gathered Tuesday afternoon in nearby St. Louis after officers responding to a report of a store robbery shot and killed a knife-wielding man. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFLers show support

11

In a show of solidarity with protesters in Ferguson, 11 players of the Washington Redskins emerged from the stadium Monday night with hands raised and palms forward.



Washington Redskins' Brandon Meriweather THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Missouri National Guard troops are deployed to protect a police command centre on Tuesday in Ferguson, Mo.

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Journalists in middle

- A photographer for Getty Images was arrested while covering the demonstrations and later released. Two German reporters were also arrested and detained for three hours.
- Capt. Ron Johnson of the Missouri Highway Patrol said it was a matter of safety. He said in some cases it was not clear who was a reporter, but once it was established, police acted properly.



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Death of aboriginal girl, age 15, renews calls for inquiry

Tina Fontaine. She had been in Winnipeg less than a month when she ran away from foster care



Tina Fontaine is seen in this undated photo. WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The death of a 15-year-old aboriginal girl found wrapped in a bag and dumped in the Red River is prompting renewed calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Tina Fontaine had been in Winnipeg less than a month when she ran away from foster care. Her petite body was discovered Sunday in the river, and police are treating her death as a homicide.

Manitoba Aboriginal Affairs Minister Eric Robinson

said his first thought when he heard about Tina's death was, "Not another one." For two decades, Robinson said, he's been working with aboriginal families who have lost daughters, sisters, aunts and mothers.

A national inquiry into missing and murdered ab-

original women is the only way many families will get the answers they deserve, Robinson suggested. So far, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government has rebuffed all calls for such a probe.

"They don't view it as a priority," Robinson said. "I don't know what their policy advisers are telling them."

A spokeswoman for federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay said she was working on a response.

The discovery of her body has touched a nerve in Manitoba, where almost half the women who have been murdered since 1980 were aboriginal. A vigil to honour the teen was being planned for Tuesday evening near the docks where her body was found. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



More lenient marijuana laws still on the table

Justice Minister Peter MacKay, speaking in Vancouver on Tuesday, said the federal government is still assessing whether to allow police to ticket people caught with small amounts of marijuana instead of pursuing charges. But if the government were to introduce looser pot laws, it would have to happen within the next six months, MacKay said. **DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

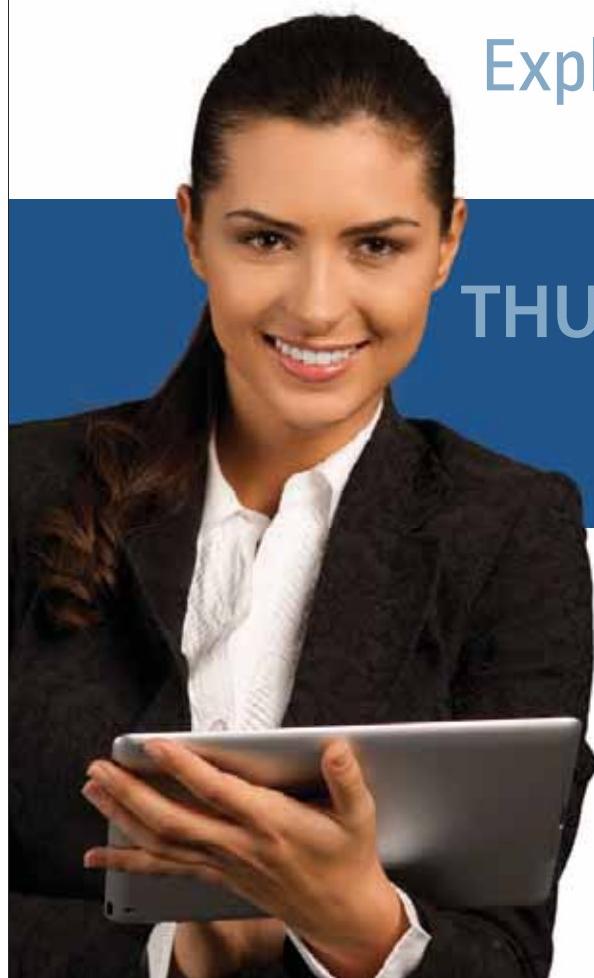
Mistaken for intruder

Florida woman shoots 7-year-old grandson

Sheriff's deputies in Florida say a seven-year-old boy is in critical condition after his grandmother mistook him for an intruder and shot him. The shooting happened around 1 a.m. Tuesday in Tampa.

According to Hillsborough County Sheriff's officials, 63-year-old Linda Maddox and her twin grandsons were sleeping after their father had left for work. Maddox told deputies she had placed a chair against the bedroom door handle for extra protection.

When she heard the chair sliding against the floor, she assumed it was an intruder and grabbed a loaded .22-calibre revolver she keeps by the bed and fired one shot in the dark toward the door. Deputies say seconds later she heard the screams of her grandson Tyler Maddox. He was shot once in the upper body. He was taken to a hospital. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Rocket fire brings Israel-Hamas talks to end

Negotiations' fate in question. Israel walks out of Egypt-led talks, raising fears that fighting will continue

An Egyptian effort to broker an end to a month-long war between Israel and Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip

appeared to collapse Tuesday after Israel walked out on the talks in response to a barrage of Palestinian rocket fire.

"The Cairo talks were based on an agreed premise of a total cessation of hostilities," Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev said. "When Hamas breaks the ceasefire, they also break the premise for the Cairo talks. Accordingly, the Israeli team

has been called back as a result of today's rocket fire."

The breakdown dealt a harsh blow to nearly a week of Egyptian-led diplomacy meant to end weeks of the heaviest fighting between Israel and Hamas since the Islamic militant group seized control of Gaza in 2007.

Hours before Tuesday's deadline, Palestinian militants fired three rockets into

Israel. The military said the rockets landed in open areas near the southern Israeli city of Beersheba. Later, Israel said it intercepted two more rockets over southern Israel.

Hamas police officials in Gaza said there were at least 25 airstrikes across Gaza. Medical officials said seven people were wounded, including two children.

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Saudi Arabia

Top cleric says ISIS, al-Qaida are main enemy of Islam

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Grand Mufti Sheik Abdul-Aziz Al-Sheik also said terrorism has no place in Islam, and that the danger of extremists lies in their use of Islamic slogans to justify their actions. King Abdullah has been pressuring clerics to condemn Islamic extremist groups since Saudi Arabia made it illegal for citizens to fight in conflicts abroad.

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Pakistan. Protesters rip through roadblocks in march to parliament

Tens of thousands of anti-government protesters armed with wire cutters and backed by cranes marched on Pakistan's parliament Tuesday, removing barriers which blocked them from soldiers guarding the seat of the country's government.

The protesters, wearing masks and carrying makeshift shields, hammered through barriers — constructed of barbed wire and locks connecting shipping containers — that authorities put on roads to protect Islamabad's so-called Red Zone, which also holds the president and prime minister's ceremonial homes and many diplomatic posts.

Women and children joined men in the march as police officers stood by and watched, setting up a possible showdown later between hundreds of waiting soldiers and some 30,000 protesters



A supporter of Pakistani cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri flashes victory signs during an anti-government protest in Islamabad, Pakistan, Monday. B.K. BANGASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

backing opposition candidate Imran Khan and anti-government cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri.

Both of those men have called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to step down over allegations of fraud in last year's election. Sharif has refused and ordered the soldiers out into the streets, the first military deployment in the capital since Pakistan has been under civilian leadership.

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Syria

ISIS video appears to show killing of U.S. journalist

The White House said Tuesday it has not confirmed the authenticity of a video that purports to show the killing of American journalist James Foley by Islamic State group militants. Foley, a freelance journalist from New Hampshire, went missing in Syria nearly two years ago.

White House National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said the administration has seen the video and that the intelligence community is working as quickly as possible to determine if it is authentic.

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Lax oversight before derailment: Report

Lac-Mégantic, Que.

Final report finds 18 factors led to the death of 47 people last July

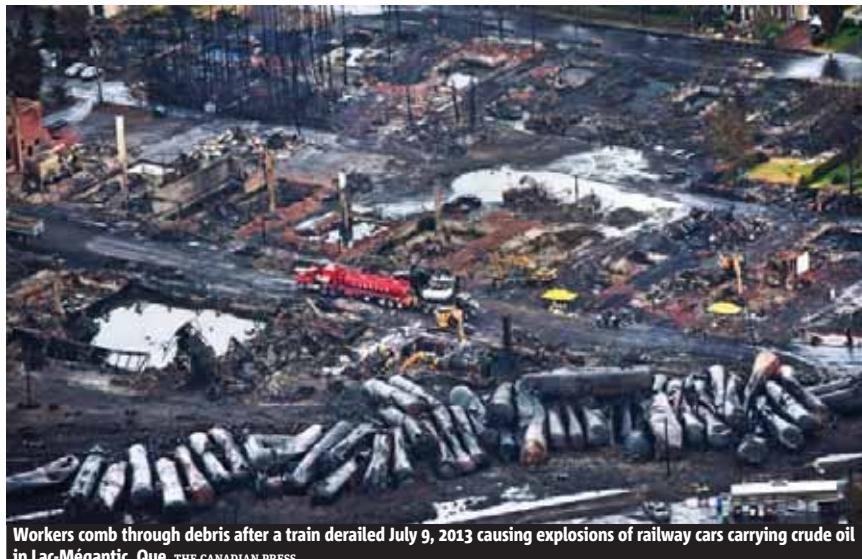
The combination of a lack of government oversight and a penny-pinching railway contributed to the deadly oil-train disaster that devastated Lac-Mégantic, says a report tabled Tuesday by Canada's Transportation Safety Board.

The federal agency's report, the first comprehensive account of last summer's crash to be released to the public, identified 18 key factors it says led to the Quebec catastrophe.

Among them, the TSB pointed to roles it says were played by the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway and Transport Canada in the tanker crash, an incident that came amid a growing pan-continental, oil-by-rail industry.

"Who was the guardian of public safety?" TSB chair Wendy Tadros said in Lac-Mégantic, where the report was unveiled.

"That is the role of government. To provide checks and balances — oversight. And yet this booming industry, where unit trains were



Workers comb through debris after a train derailed July 9, 2013 causing explosions of railway cars carrying crude oil in Lac-Mégantic, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Who was the guardian of public safety?"

Canada's Transportation Safety Board chair Wendy Tadros, in Lac-Mégantic where the report was unveiled

shipping more and more oil across Canada and across the border, ran largely unchecked."

The agency launched its year-long investigation after the MMA train broke loose from its parking spot uphill of Lac-Mégantic in July 2013

and crashed into the community, killing 47 people. Almost all of the 63 derailed tank cars, which were filled with volatile crude, ruptured in the derailment and set off huge explosions that were even spotted by satellites in space.

The report also produced two new recommendations that the TSB argues would help prevent future runaway trains and keep a closer eye on companies like the now-bankrupt MMA, which it criticized for having a "weak safety culture" and "poor training" efforts for its employees.

The TSB said one of the recommendations would seek to ensure that safety systems of railways are adequate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tim Williams' style in his Trivago ad has come under fire. YOUTUBE

Trivago Guy. Pitchman is getting a style makeover

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At last the company, based

in Dusseldorf, Germany, has announced a "Trivago Guy" makeover contest, with the winner receiving a five-day trip to Berlin and a chance to preview the next commercial featuring the new and improved Williams.

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It's that time of year again, when the Economist Intelligence Unit publishes its global livability survey — and the results set everyone's hair on fire.

This year, I'm writing from the world's No. 3 most livable city, Vancouver. Apparently, Vancouver's not as livable as No. 1 Melbourne (for the fourth year in a row) and No. 2 Vienna. Try the Sachertorte.

But it's more livable than No. 4 Toronto and No. 5 Calgary, which, if you're a Vancouverite, just makes sense. The Economist operatives must check out the contending cities in January, when it's hard to tell Toronto or Calgary from Tuktoyaktuk.

The cities are judged on five categories: stability, health care, education, infrastructure, culture and environment, which is why Damascus, Syria, is currently one of the world's least livable cities according to the Economist. It has none of the above.

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do have a tendency to look our gift horses in the mouth.

Some of the comments in the Melbourne Herald Sun sound as though being in the world's most livable city isn't so hot:

"This story does not mention the high unemployment rate, the difficulties in finding work and the shortage of jobs, it doesn't include information such as housing shortages or affordability," gripes commenter Susan.

Or from Barry: "Who the hell judges these things? A perfect score for health? They would have to be joking."

Every year, denizens of real cities such as London or Paris dismiss such nonsense with an imperial flick of the wrist. To hear them tell it, "livable" is a synonym for "boring". Mind the gap!

I'm celebrating my 25th year in the world's third-most-livable land and I have to admit, there are days — when

the cloud cover is a couple metres above my head, it's so wet the seagulls look like drowned rats with wings, and there's a 30-minute wait to get across the "scenic" Lions Gate Bridge — that I'd rather be in Calgary. At least Damascus is usually sunny.

But there are days, such as today and most days, when there's nowhere else I'd rather be, swaddled in the soft virtues of Vancouver.

And I've felt the same way on an outdoor patio in the Beach or running along the Bow River in the sunshine, seconds from downtown.

Think about it. Three of the world's most livable cities, according to a reliable source, are in Canada. Only Australia, with four, does better.

And isn't that what we all want? A well-rounded diet of livability? If Vancouver were a vegetable it would be kale. Toronto's already got Cabbagetown. And in Calgary, fries are a vegetable, aren't they?

We must be doing something right. As we go forward into an uncertain future, it would be a good idea to remember that.

Wash your faces



Workers clean a clock face on the Elizabeth Tower of the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. Workers are cleaning the four faces of the Great Clock, some 60 metres above ground. OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

Time stops as Great Clock gets a scrub-down

The clock face of the Elizabeth Tower, which houses the famous Big Ben bell in London, U.K., is being cleaned.

The bell will continue to chime, but the hands are frozen at 12 o'clock while four cleaners abseil down the front of the clock face. The tower was renamed Elizabeth Tower after the Queen to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee. Big Ben is actually only the bell, but many know the landmark by this name. BBC.COM

Word of the day

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The less we say about this segment from "just another pawn show," the better. So instead, we're going to arm you with a few basic facts:

- 1) It's a commercial for next week's broadcast of the Emmys.
- 2) The dependably hilarious Julia Louis-Dreyfus is frustrated.
- 3) Most importantly, Breaking Bad BFFs (it's complicated) Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul reunite, which likely explains the warm feeling that mysteriously washed over you yesterday afternoon. (YouTube/Television Academy)



SCREENGRAB

Sin City: A cast to kill for

Going Gaga. Co-director Robert Rodriguez isn't the first to add a famous musician to an already star-studded cast



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Robert Rodriguez, co-director of *Sin City: A Dame to Kill For*, has assembled an impressive cast of marquee names for the long awaited followup to 2005's *Sin City*.

Actors like Jessica Alba, Rosario Dawson and Bruce Willis are returning from the first instalment, while newcomers to the series include Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Eva Green and Josh Brolin.

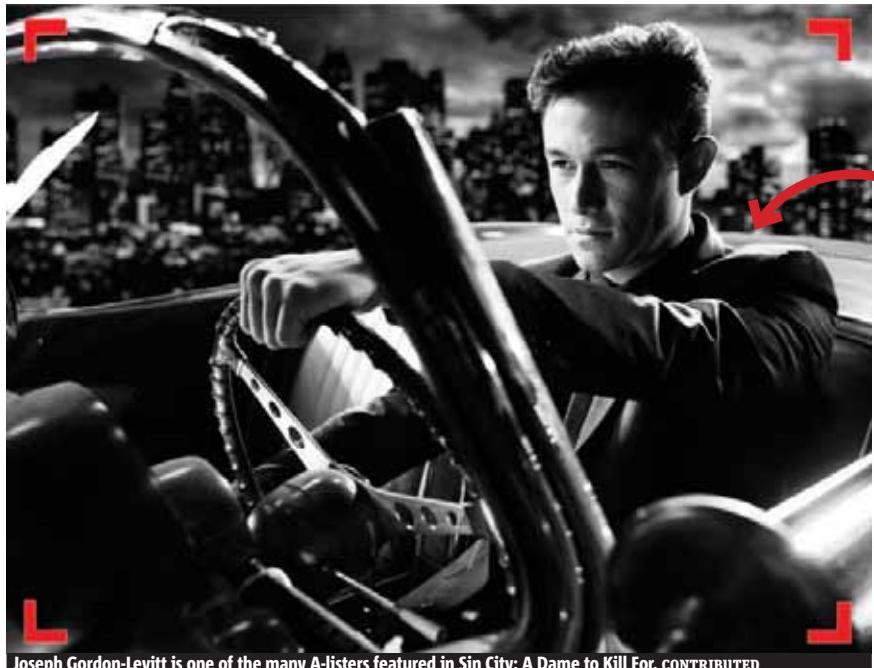
Rodriguez welcomes back another name, Lady Gaga, who he first cast in *Machete Kills*.

"When I asked if she was interested in acting she said, 'I studied acting and I always wanted to be in one of your movies because of the theatricality and the showmanship.'

When she finished shooting her role of a deadly assassin in *Machete Kills*, Rodriguez tweeted, "Holy Smokes. Blown away!" and promptly cast the singer in *A Dame to Kill For*.

For years, directors have looked to musicians to bring their natural charisma to the screen. Perhaps no one more than Nicolas Roeg has explored the potential for rock stars to become movie stars. "They have," he said, "a greater ability to light up the screen than actors."

In 1970 Roeg and co-director Donald Cammell made the



Joseph Gordon-Levitt is one of the many A-listers featured in *Sin City: A Dame to Kill For*. CONTRIBUTED

Profile

Alba doesn't mind being on call for Rodriguez

Jessica Alba has gotten used to vague phone calls from director Robert Rodriguez, the Austin-based auteur who has made a habit of putting Alba in his films.

"He calls me up and he is like, 'Can you come shoot this little thing?' And I'm like, 'OK, what is it?' Well, it's just this little movie, just come down for a couple of days,"

Alba says. "That is just what he does, and I am there. I show up every time because it is so inspiring to be in his world, his universe."

Sin City: A Dame to Kill For marks Alba's second time taking on Nancy, a hard-luck stripper with revenge on her mind. One thing she's learned from her time working with Rodriguez is that he's not big on giving

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her a head start, so she has to take matters into her own hands. "They snuck the script to me," she says. "I knew Robert was going to call me on Monday and ask me to show up on Thursday and I wouldn't have any time to prepare." "... I worked with an acting coach to kind of get in that head space. I am a mom, I have two kids, I run a company. I am not like this, you know, drunk stripper girl. So I needed to work on it." NED EHRLICH

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psychedelic crime drama *Performance*, starring Mick Jagger in his first on screen role. The Rolling Stone played the mysterious Mr. Turner, a jaded former rock star who gives shelter to a violent East London gangster (James Fox). In 2009 Film Comment declared Mick Jagger's Turner the best performance by a musician in a movie.

Next came *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, an existential sci-fi film about an extraterrestrial named Thomas Jerome Newton, starring David Bowie in his feature film debut. Roeg says he "really came to believe that Bowie was a man who had come to Earth from another galaxy. He seemed to be alone — which is what Newton is in the film — isolated and alone."

Finally, in *Bad Timing*, Art Garfunkel of Simon and Garfunkel, stars as a professor living in Vienna whose sadistic relationship with a pill-addicted woman (Theresa Russell) ends with a battle for her life. The sexually explicit film was difficult for the actors, and at one point Garfunkel even wanted out. He stayed on, delivering a performance that the New York Times called "very credible."

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Out of a dark tunnel and into the light

Dan Boeckner. B.C. songwriter's new band and music is bright, hooky and danceable

Should Dan Boeckner ever want to place himself at a particular point in his life, he needs only to pluck one of his records off the shelf.

With mid-'00s indie innovators Wolf Parade, his cage-rattling howls were "reflective of being in British Columbia in a small town," he explains.

In his next operation, the serrated synth-pop duo Handsome Furs, he and ex-wife Alexei Perry performed libidinous odes to the exotic locales blurring through their tour-van window.

And his lyrically bleak contributions to his last project, the sinewy Britt Daniel collaboration Divine Fits, were admittedly coloured by the breakup of that marriage.

"Divine Fits was essentially a breakup record," he said on the line from South Dakota, between gigs on tour with Future Islands. "My life took a major, 180-degree turn, and it was catharsis."

If applying that theory to his latest project, a recently released EP by a band he's fronting called Operators, it would seem that Boeckner has navigated his way out of that tunnel and into the warm sunlight.

Sure, the five songs collected on the band's inaugural release are nervy and tense, but they're also bright, hooky and unabashedly danceable to an extent his more jarring Handsome Furs compositions never quite managed.

And indeed, the sunny tunes reflect a fertile period in Boeckner's life following a move to San Jose, Calif.

"In the last year or so, writing these songs has been the most productive, creative period of my life," said the 36-year-old, who grew up in Lake Cowichan, B.C.

"I got settled with myself. I came out of that period with Divine Fits feeling good, and I had kind of a breakthrough musically with the type of material I was writing and how I was putting it together."

Mostly gone are the guitars, as Boeckner — increasingly adept with synths, sequencers



Dan Boeckner, seen here in 2013 playing with Divine Fits, is starting yet again. The B.C.-raised musician and former Wolf Parade singer has a new band called Operators, and he's bullish on their debut EP. GETTY IMAGES FILE

New direction

"Writing these songs has been the most productive, creative period of my life. I got settled with myself."

Dan Boeckner, Operators
On his band's recently released EP, which is called EP1

You start writing for these people, second-guessing yourself, you've blown it right off the bat.

"So with this record I thought, if something was really poppy ... it stays. If it feels good, it stays on the record."

For all the ways in which EP1 marks new territory for the guitarist, it still clearly follows in the lineage of Boeckner's live-wire style.

and other electronics — burrowed deeply as a listener into U.K. underground electronic, acid house and disco. So Ancient is built on a "mutated acid house riff, kind of melted down in the sequencer" and first single, True, struts to a vibrant groove.

The whole album is likely more gleefully enthusiastic than anything Boeckner's done, and there's an increased immediacy in some of the hooks. And it was intentional.

"When I'm writing, there's this thing I try to ignore, which is the imagined audience," he said. "For me, they're a roomful of people and, in my mind, they know everything I've done and they like specific things and those things happen to line up with what I like best."

"It's totally unrealistic. It's a fantasy. And I think if



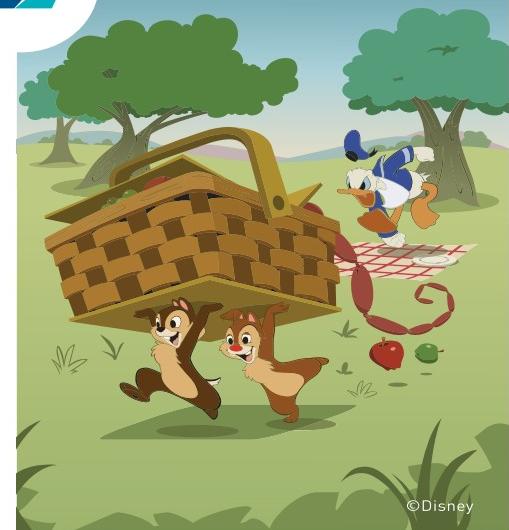
His contributions to all four of his best-known projects have shared a sensibility that's distinctly his. If not, he might have struggled to stitch together a fan base that will follow him from project to project.

"I've been incredibly lucky," he said, "that people have followed me through four different iterations of bands."

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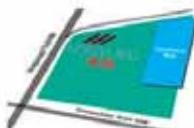
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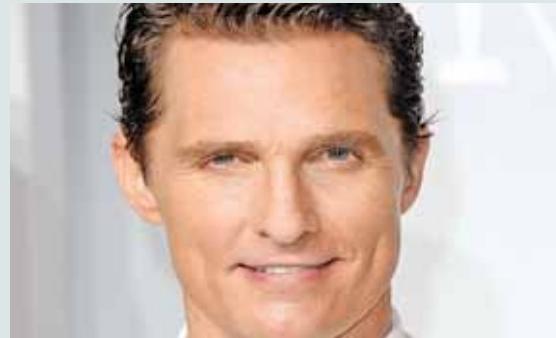
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be packin'*



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This is of great cultural significance, so pay attention: Matthew McConaughey has officially vouched for the fanny pack, so it's cool again (if it was ever cool). The Dallas Buyers Club star wore one to a Red Sox-Astros game recently — and even defended the accessory to CSN Houston's Julia Morales. "I'm not afraid of the fanny pack," McConaughey said. "You've got to kind of



put it on the side to make it look a little not as nerdy, but still, practicality wins out. I got so much gear in here that I don't want in my pockets." Hoo boy. I mean, I know McConaughey is a dad now, but I had no idea

he was such, you know, a
... dad.

On the plus side, if they really do become popular again, we'll have a whole new round of explaining why the name makes British people titter.



Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi All photos: GETTY IMAGES

Skywriting's the limit as Ellen and Portia celebrate their sixth anniversary



James Franco

A black and white portrait of actor James Franco. He has dark hair and is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and tie. The background is slightly blurred.

Getting a little tired of those ALS Ice Bucket Challenge videos? Well, don't worry, because James Franco is here to keep things interesting. Hollywood's reigning enfant terrible got doused in a shower and passed the challenge on to Zach Braff, Keegan Allen and Joey King by way of a piece of paper shielding his naked crotch. Classy, Jim. Though, to be fair, he wasn't completely naked. Never one to pass up a good literary reference or bad pun, Franco wore a "Moby Dick" T-shirt. Thar she blows, indeed.

A promotional poster for X FEST. The top half features a collage of various musical instruments and equipment, including guitars, keyboards, and speakers, arranged in a circular pattern around a central red circle containing the word 'FEST'. Below this is a stylized illustration of the Calgary skyline, featuring the distinctive Tower Bridge. The bottom half contains text information about the festival. On the left, it lists performing artists: JACK, ARCTIC WHITE MONKEYS, DEATH CAB, FOSTER FOR CUTIE, THE PEOPLE, TEGAN, SERENA, THE & SARA, RYDER, SMALLS, CAGE THE FITZ & THE ELEPHANT, TANTRUMS, STARS, THE AIRBORNNE, M5, JULY, TOXIC EVENT, MR. TALK, MONGOLIS, DEAR BOOGIE, SLEEPER AGENT, and BAND SURE. It also mentions 'TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT TICKETSTOGO.COM' and 'ENCLAVE JUN 8'. The main event details are 'AUGUST 30 & 31, 2014 FORT CALGARY, CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA'. To the right, there's a red starburst graphic with the text 'LIMITED NUMBER OF DAY TICKETS AVAILABLE'. The bottom right corner features the X FEST logo.

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Enjoying Lisbon's many luxuries in 48 hours

Portugal. Short on time? You can still lose yourself in this city — just make a promise you'll return for more

MANORI RAVINDRAN
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To make it in Lisbon, you need two things: a supernatural pair of walking shoes and an appetite for cod and green wine.

I had both, but fresh off the airport shuttle and wandering around the waffle-like Baixa neighbourhood — a jumble of criss-crossed streets — I'd also need to be OK with being comically lost all the time. Somewhere around here was a boutique hostel that would be my base for two days.

I'd been told that the Baixa's Living Lounge was a trailblazer in a city-wide hostel movement that has afforded travellers with such high standards that hostels have become synonymous with hotels. Once I'd

located the second-floor hostel, slung my large backpack into a luggage-only elevator and waited for my room in a pristine living area with high ceilings, I understood why.

Later, in search of my first meal, recommended to me by the hostel owner, I slid along Rua da Prata's glossy mosaic tiles until the towering Arch of Triumph — a gateway to the Praça do Comércio or "Trade Square" — took my breath away. The majestic arch overlooks the river, and I walked along the Avenue Ribeira das Naus delighted to see the sidewalk slope into the waters of the Rio Tejo.

Eventually, I found the unassuming Solar do Kadete, where the owners were cooking seafood on a blackened grill. Seated under a grubby white awning, my cravings were sated with the grilled bacalhau (cod) and vinho verde (green wine, due to its young age). After lunch, I ventured into the Bairro Alto, a hilly neighbourhood where yellow trams tremble through cobbled streets. Between the churches and viewpoints,



Lisbon's Arch of Triumph is sure to take your breath away. iSTOCK

there was enough here to pass an afternoon before dinner in the nearby Cais do Sodré area, where the fishing equipment

shop-turned-restaurant Sol e Pesca offers hundreds of colourful tins of sardines and tuna.

The next morning, I took a

bus west of downtown to the Belém district, where among the vestiges of Portugal's prosperity as a colonial power was

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the 177-year-old Casa Pastéis de Belém, the birthplace of the Portuguese custard tart, or pastel de nata. It's not that I didn't value the Belém tower's river views; I just appreciated a freshly baked nata so much more. That night, I was back in the Bairro, sipping Darjeeling and nursing blistered feet at the Pavilhão Chinês (Chinese Pavilion). What had once been a grocery store was now an iconic bar with five rooms chock-full of the owner's collections of model warplanes, Japanese fans and inordinate kitsch in between. There was something for everyone in this bar. It figured.

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Market time is always the best time because you can find delicious and local produce you will want to incorporate into one of your meals right away!

Be sure to look around your city for various farmers' markets and find out what's best and in season right now.

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that week.

In Canada, we are lucky that at certain times of the summer we can combine some wonderful produce to make awesome stir-fries, soups, pastas and, of course, desserts!

Seasonal fruit is a great way to enjoy dessert through the week and, of course, planning ahead will allow you to sneak in a little more sweet treat into this bowl of goodness.

Take a mix of fresh berries, for example, and create an easy Stovetop Cobbler that will combine the best of summer flavours.

This cobbler is great on its own, with ice cream or with the cinnamon twirl sticks in the recipe.

Cobblers usually have the pastry right on top of the fruit. This recipe leaves the

Ingredients

Cinnamon Sticks

- 1 pkg (400 g) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) butter, softened
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ground cinnamon

Cobbler

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) butter
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) granulated sugar
- 2 cups (500 ml) sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh blueberries
- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh blackberries
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) cornstarch
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) orange liqueur or juice



This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

pastry off to the side so you can see the vibrant colour of the berries.

A crisp puff pastry cinnamon stick is the perfect choice. You can make the cinnamon sticks ahead of time and crisp them up again in

the oven before serving the cobbler.

Cooking the berries on the stove helps retain their juiciness and their shape.

You can also try combining some chopped fresh peaches or plums with the

strawberries. Simply make sure the total amount is 5 cups (1.25 l) of fruit.

Directions

1. Cinnamon Sticks: On lightly floured surface, roll

out frozen puff pastry to 14 inch by 11 inch (35 cm x 28 cm) rectangle. Spread the pastry evenly with butter. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Fold pastry over and roll gently to push together. Cut into 16 strips and twist each strip to place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in 425 F (220 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Set aside.

2. Cobbler: In a large shallow saucepan, melt the butter and granulated sugar over medium heat. Add the strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and cardamom or cinnamon.

3. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes or until berries release juices and soften slightly. Whisk the cornstarch and orange liqueur together and stir into berry mixture and cook for 1 minute or until thickened.

4. Serve the Stovetop Mixed Berry Cobbler with cinnamon sticks.



This pork chop recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Take thyme for chops

1. Heat the oven to 200 F.

2. In a large, shallow bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, paprika, black pepper, white pepper, onion powder, garlic powder, thyme and red pepper flakes. One at a time, dredge 4 of the pork chops through the flour mixture, coating both sides evenly and shaking off any excess. Set aside.

3. In a large, nonstick skil-

let over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil until just smoking. Add the 4 coated chops and cook for 5 minutes, turning once. Reduce the heat to medium and cook another 2 minutes, turning once. Transfer the chops to an oven-safe plate and place in the oven to keep warm.

4. Repeat the dredging and cooking with the remaining 4 chops, using the remaining tablespoon of oil.

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Because of the increased globalization of the business world, it's not unusual for many office workers to have colleagues who live in far-flung places around the world.

But constantly video-conferencing and emailing with people you may never meet in person has its challenges, especially

if you know nothing about the cultural mores of your new colleagues. In her new book, *The Culture Map: Breaking Through the Invisible Boundaries of Global Business*, author and business professor Erin Meyer provides readers with a blueprint for navigating the sometimes-rocky road of cross-cultural business rela-

tions.

"What I say to my MBA students is that if you want to be successful in the future, you have to develop the skills to understand and ask the question: 'How do I motivate my employees in different parts of the world?'" says Meyer.

Uncertain about how you can develop a successful



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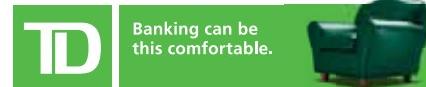


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partnership with a team of software engineers in India or a group of accountants in Sweden? Meyer says that a good manager can make things run smoothly despite being oceans away.

Know when to call and when to email

"If you can talk over the phone in order to build up that initial connection before you move to email, that's always better," says Meyer. "And even better than that is if you can do Skype, because once people have seen your face, then you can use that opportunity to get to know them a little bit and then you can move to more task-oriented media like email."

Try to break the ice

Sometimes it's not possible to ever meet your coworkers face-to-face, but that doesn't mean you can't make a connection. Meyer shares a story of how one manager broke the ice with his team of young Indian programmers by sending them YouTube videos of the latest pop songs, saying, "I love this song, this is what I love about it, it's really hot in India right now — what do you think?" explains Meyer.

Acknowledge your mistakes

Unintentionally making an

Converse with care

"People love to talk about cultural differences, as long as you make it sound like you think the other culture is positive and you talk your own culture in a humble way."

Erin Meyer
Author and professor

offensive remark happens, but there are ways to fix the damage. It is key to acknowledge your clumsiness and be open to change. Meyer says one of the managers she talked to won his team over with honesty. "It just didn't occur to us that people in other parts of the world might be more focused on giving a softer relationship approach to things," he says.

Don't be afraid to ask about cultural differences

Sometimes the best way to avoid a cultural conflict is to simply talk to a trusted colleague about what you should do. "People love to talk about cultural differences, as long as you make it sound like you think the other culture is positive and you talk your own culture in a humble way," says Meyer.

How not to cringe when the clock ticks

It's time to talk about it. Succeeding at both work and play without compromising the quality of either one

LAUREN MARINIGH
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People tend to associate busy with stressful. However, busy is also beautiful because it can mean that a person has found multiple hobbies, people and causes to be passionate about — to the point that they want to make time for all of them.

We've all heard the saying, "If you want something done, give it to a busy person."

Busy people are busy because they know how to prioritize and manage these multiple priorities.

From getting As on essays to working your way up in the workplace to staying in shape and maintaining friendships — it's easy to overload your plate. Plus, you've still got to sleep and eat and find time to pick up the phone and call Grandma.

So how do you manage it all properly?

Be realistic

You can't do everything, but you can do a lot.

You just need to take a good hard look at where your time is going (and where it should be going). If you're thinking of taking a 6 a.m. kickboxing class before work, look at what



Time: It's limited, but it's yours to use wisely. iSTOCK

you're doing around 10 p.m. each night.

Are you wasting an hour scrolling through Facebook? If so, cut that, and head to bed early so you can tack this class onto your list.

If you're using your evening to get readings done, perhaps this isn't something you can cut — meaning the kickboxing class might have to take a back-seat for the time being.

Tip: Schedule in your biggest priorities first — everything else gets bonus time.

Love what you're doing

We all have to do things we don't want to do (a.k.a. every first year psych assignment that was ever invented), but surround these things with things you love doing.

- Find classes you enjoy.
- Surround yourself with people you genuinely care about.

Buy a day planner

Use a day planner to write down all your appointments, coffee dates, essay deadlines, etc.

- On Sunday nights open the planner to see where you need to allocate your energy for the coming week, and then plan your free time.
- If you have class Monday morning and evening

- Find passion in your work.

To put it simply, if you look forward to your life every day, your "busy" will get a lot less stressful.

Tip: Find ways to love the things you have to do, be it taking interesting electives or timing your commute so you're with your friend rather than your iPod.

Gimme a break

Your body (and your brain) need fuel in order to be productive.

So, take the time to top up. This can be as simple as drinking lots of water, or taking coffee breaks to get outside for a minute and feel those golden rays. Or, buckle down even more and try things like turning your phone on silent and checking it every few hours instead of constantly glancing over and getting lost in distraction.

Knowing you have a break

(and some caffeine) in your future makes your work time that much more productive — meaning you get done faster and that final break can last a whole lot longer.

Tip: Consider your brain to be like an eight-hour workday. At work you get multiple breaks to take a few minutes to yourself, rejuvenate, and fuel up. Your brain needs the same treatment in order to stay sharp and productive.

Get creative

Call your Mom on your walk to work.

Utilize your time on public transit to read the paper or memorize your lines for the

school musical.

Sign up for a volleyball team with your friends, combining workout time with social time.

Move your "bedtime" up a half-hour so you have a half-hour allotted for that book you've been meaning to read. Find ways to utilize the time you naturally have, and your To Do list just got cut in half.

Tip: Find ways to fill your "hidden time" — leaving your real time open for the things you really want to do.

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In this Dec. 23, 2004, file photo, NHL player Steve Moore listens to a question during a news conference in Toronto. A settlement has been reached in Moore's lawsuit against Todd Bertuzzi for his career-ending hit during an NHL game 10 years ago. ADRIAN WYLDE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bertuzzi, Moore reach settlement

Just before trial. Ten years after fateful hit, former players agree on undisclosed deal

A settlement has been reached in Steve Moore's lawsuit against NHL forward Todd Bertuzzi, more than 10 years after the infamous on-ice attack ended Moore's career.

Geoff Adair, a lawyer for Bertuzzi, confirmed the case has been "settled in its totality," but said the terms are confidential.

Reaction

"We are pleased that the resolution of this matter allows the parties to turn the page and look to the future." NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly

The multimillion-dollar lawsuit had been scheduled to go to trial Sept. 8.

"We are pleased that the resolution of this matter allows the parties to turn the page and look to the future," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said in an email.

Media reports later Tuesday

suggested there was a snag in finalizing the deal, but Adair did not respond to follow-up requests for comment.

Messages seeking comment from Moore's lawyer, Bertuzzi's agent and the Canucks were not returned.

The notorious hit happened on March 8, 2004. Bertuzzi,

then playing for the Vancouver Canucks, hit Moore from behind, sending the Colorado Avalanche rookie crashing face-first to the ice and leaving him with a concussion and fractured vertebrae.

Moore alleged the Canucks had put a bounty on his head following his check that injured their captain Markus Naslund. Bertuzzi pleaded guilty to criminal assault causing bodily harm for the hit and was sentenced in December 2004 to one year probation and 80 hours of community service.

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Promotion

Sigalet named Flames' new goaltender coach

Jordan Sigalet is the new goaltending coach for the Calgary Flames.

The 33-year-old from New Westminster, B.C., spent the last two seasons coaching Calgary's goaltending prospects with the Abbotsford Heat.

Sigalet replaces Clint Malarchuk, who parted ways with the Flames in March after three seasons.

Sigalet was the goaltending coach for the Western Hockey League's Everett Silvertips prior to joining the Flames organization.

He was a seventh-round draft pick of the Boston Bruins in 2001. He was a conference all-star twice during his three seasons at Bowling Green University.

Sigalet played three seasons in the AHL with the Providence Bruins and retired in 2009 after one season in Vienna, Austria.

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In two years' time

Islanders to change owners

The New York Islanders are selling a minority stake of the team, with a former Washington Capitals co-owner and a London-based investor to become full owners in two years.

The hockey team said Tuesday a group led by former Capitals co-owner Jon Ledecky and investor Scott Malkin agreed to buy a "substantial" minority interest. Terms weren't immediately disclosed.

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NFL. Bills' sale enters its final phase: Report

The sale of the National Football League's Buffalo Bills is entering its final stage, with prospective buyers asked to submit their formal bids in about two weeks, a person familiar with the sale process told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"It's coming down the backstretch," the person said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the sale is being conducted privately.

The timetable was pushed back about a week because Morgan Stanley, the banking firm overseeing the sale on behalf of late owner Ralph Wilson's estate, extended a deadline last month in an attempt to increase the number of prospective bidders.

A new owner is still expected to be identified by October, but it's not certain whether it will be in time to be approved by NFL owners at league meetings in early October.

Buffalo Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula are considered the front-runners among a

Heavyweights

The bidders' list includes:

- Jon Bon Jovi, Larry Tanenbaum (chairman of MLSE) and the Rogers family
- Terry and Kim Pegula, owners of the NHL Buffalo Sabres
- New York City real estate developer Donald Trump
- Former Sabres owner Tom Golisano

small group of candidates who have already met with members of Wilson's estate over the past two weeks.

Pegula has the backing of a majority of Buffalo public and business leaders because he is committed to keeping the Bills in western New York.

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On hold. Unimpressed, Browns' coach delays naming of starting QB

This summer saga, packed with drama, celebrity and clumsiness, isn't quite over for the Browns: Hoyer vs. Manziel marches on.

Cleveland first-year coach Mike Pettine still hasn't chosen his Week 1 starting quarterback, and that's not his fault. Brian Hoyer and Johnny Manziel haven't convinced him — or anyone, really — that they deserve the job.

Pettine had been expected to announce during a teleconference on Tuesday whether



Johnny Manziel
GETTY IMAGES

Hoyer, the inexperienced veteran and hometown hero, or Manziel, the hyped rookie and former Heisman Trophy winner, would start the Sept. 7 opener at Pittsburgh. But the decision has been delayed and could carry on Saturday, through Cleveland's third pre-season game.

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Biting

Suarez: 'I won't do that anymore'

Luis Suarez says Barcelona's fans needn't worry — he won't bite again.

Barcelona unveiled Suarez on Tuesday, an event delayed for over five weeks due to his latest suspension for biting an opponent at the World Cup.

Suarez has had three multi-match suspensions for biting opponents and has also been suspended for making racist remarks.

Premiership

Marcos Rojo signs with Man U

Manchester United landed a deal to sign Argentine defender Marcos Rojo from Sporting Lisbon on Tuesday, with the Portuguese club announcing that winger Nani is returning on loan from Old Trafford.

Sporting announced United will pay 20 million euros (\$29 million) for the 24-year-old, who played in the 1-0 loss to Germany in the World Cup final.

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Carlos Gomez of the Milwaukee Brewers hits a double in the top of the first against the Jays on Tuesday night in Milwaukee, Wis. MIKE MCGINNIS/GETTY IMAGES

And the slump just keeps going south

Another loss. Brewers make mincemeat of the Toronto Blue Jays

Mike Fiers pitched seven dominant innings and Jonathan Lucroy and Aramis Ramirez each had a pair of doubles as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 6-1 on Tuesday night.

In his third start since being recalled from Triple-A

On Tuesday night

1

Blue Jays

6

Brewers

14 strikeouts while pitching six innings in a win over the Chicago Cubs in his previous start on Thursday, struck out six and walked one.

He has given up two runs over his three starts.

Milwaukee won its fifth consecutive game. The Blue Jays have lost six of seven.

The Brewers jumped on Toronto starter J.A. Happ (8-8) immediately, belting three doubles to take a 2-0 lead in the first inning.

The Blue Jays got on the board in the second on

Munenori Kawasaki's RBI ground out.

The Brewers added two doubles in the third to extend their lead to 4-1. Milwaukee hitters connected for another pair of doubles in the fifth and added two more runs, staking Fiers to a five-run lead.

Happ lasted just 3-1/3 innings, giving up six hits and four runs. It marked his shortest start since going just 2-1/3 innings against the Los Angeles Angels on May 10.

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Iwakuma leads Mariners to win



Hisashi Iwakuma
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The Mariners gave Hisashi Iwakuma an early lead and the pitcher took it from there. Nazetorm.

Iwakuma struck out a season-high 11 batters in eight scoreless innings and Kyle Seager homered to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

Mike Zunino was 0-for-17 before getting two hits and driving in two runs. The Mariners, who scored two runs in the first, have won 11 of their last 14.

On fire

11

Iwakuma struck out a season-high 11 Phillies' batters on Tuesday night.

"We had the lead early, which is big for me, for my pitching, because I'm all about pitching to contact," Iwakuma said through an interpreter.

Iwakuma (12-6) was masterful while allowing four hits and no walks. Since July 1, the

right-hander is 7-2 with a 1.63 ERA, 65 strikeouts and four walks in 72 innings over 10 starts.

"He was outstanding," Mariners manager Lloyd McClendon said. "He commanded all of his pitches. He was in and out, up and down. Did a tremendous job for us."

The Phillies, who have scored three runs or less 65 times this season, got just one batter to second base against Iwakuma. They have lost six of their last eight.

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Back in 1984, Chrysler wowed the auto world with its new Magic Wagon minivan. Families couldn't get enough of this practical machine and, pretty soon, just about everybody was offering one.

Eventually, though, they were displaced by the rising popularity of SUVs and crossovers. Only a few are offered today, including the original — the Dodge Grand Caravan.

— the Dodge Grand Caravan. It starts at \$27,995 for the base Canada Value Package trim, although various incentives bring its selling price much lower. My tester was the SXT Plus, which starts at \$34,495 before rebates, and includes second-row Stow 'n' Go bucket seats that fold into the floor, a feature found exclusively in Chrysler's minivans (the Grand Caravan is also sold as the upscale Chrysler Town & Country).

Most automakers have abandoned minivans, but they're still practical for many buyers. Most find them easier to access than a crossover or SUV, especially if you have a lot of people and cargo.

- The third row folds flat in the floor, and can also be flipped backwards for “tailgate seating” when the van is parked and the liftgate is up.
- An Eco setting adjusts the engine and transmission response for improved fuel economy, although it diminishes performance.
- The dash-mounted shift lever allows for more cargo space in the centre console.



The front seats are set high and forward, so check your leg room.

Fold-into-the-floor second row seats; trailer sway control; easy-clean floor mats; driver's knee airbag; tire pressure warning; available heated steering wheel.



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1 Toyota Sienna

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The smooth-riding Sienna is the only minivan that can be ordered with all-wheel-drive.



Honda Odyssey

Base price:\$31,078
Honda's V6 engine shuts off some of its cylinders when cruising for fuel economy.



Ford Transit Connect

3 Base price: \$30,499
Ford outfits cargo van with windows, seats and features as a minivan alternative.



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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Australian students blast their way to a new world speed record

Students at the University of New South Wales in Australia have set a new world speed record for an electric vehicle. The team's Sunswift car averaged more than 100 km/h over a distance of 500 kilometres. The previous record for an electric car over the same distance, notes emerging-technologies magazine Gizmag, was a comparatively staid 73 km/h, established 26 years ago. The record run on a 4.2-kilometre circular track at the Australian Automotive Research Centre in Victoria is pending Federation Internationale de l'Automobile verification. If confirmed, the university says it will be the first time since 1984 that an FIA world record has been set in Australia.

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This Sunswift electric car driven by a team of students from the University of New South Wales managed to average more than 100 km/h over 500 kilometres, breaking a 26-year-old record.

Major revamp coming for Mazda2

With more than 2.4 million units sold worldwide since its 2002 debut, the Mazda2 four-door hatchback subcompact gets a major revamp for 2016. Having fully adopted Mazda's Kodo design concepts, it looks more like the Mazda3 except for size, especially up front with an over-sized grille, angled headlamps and sloped nose. The new 2 will offer buyers a choice of gasoline or diesel engines, featuring variations of Mazda's successful and economical Skyactiv powertrains. Included in the engine mix will be a 1.5-litre diesel Skyactiv, which will generate just 105 horsepower but will spin up an impressively strong 184 lb.-ft. of torque from as low as 1,500 r.p.m.



The new Mazda2 looks like a stubbier version of the Mazda3. Expect a diesel powerplant in addition to the usual gasoline option.

Shift points

- The next Toyota Prius will offer two battery choices — a low-cost nickel-hydride unit or a higher-end lithium ion pack — and possibly, reports Automotive News, an all-wheel-drive option.
- Ford is collaborating with seven automakers and 15 U.S. utilities to develop technology to allow plug-in electric vehicles to exchange information with energy providers. The opt-in, software-based program would help manage power and prevent grid overload by communicating directly with power companies.
- The original Mini, the 1960s car that set the template for tiny hatchbacks to come, is the best British car ever built, says a survey of Autocar magazine readers. McLaren's limited-production F1 supercar placed second, and the Jaguar E-Type was third.

General Motors may add diesel option for its Cadillac Escalade

Cadillac is considering joining the growing ranks of diesel-powered sport-utility vehicles with its refreshed 2015 Escalade. The General Motors luxury division will expand the list of engine options for the Escalade, including offering a turbocharged diesel V6 and turbo gasoline V6. Both engines would be offered in addition to the 420-horsepower 6.2-litre V8 engine that comes from the Chevrolet Corvette. Industry watchdog Automotive News quotes Escalade brand manager David Schiavone as saying both a V6 turbo-diesel and a twin-turbo gas V6 engine would help sell the SUV in markets abroad, where fuel costs are up to three times higher than in North America. They would also help meet stricter new U.S. emission targets, he added.



A diesel option will improve the Escalade's fuel numbers and help sales abroad, sources suggest.

What test car is Garry bringing us this week? We literally have no clue what he's bringing us until it lands in our driveway, but who are we to doubt Garry Sowerby, who has a bazillion Guinness records for around-the-world driving? That's a bazillion more than we have, after all. Come along and find out as we drive 'em, dirty 'em and shoot 'em with our phone cams. These are real-life, no-glam reviews.

JEFF MELNYCHUK
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Big and powerful Silverado HD way more truck than most need

Special delivery.

Designed for heavy lifting and towing, I felt like a poser driving this behemoth to the coffee shop in surfer shorts and flip-flops

This thing is a monster. Huge. Garry says it's proportioned like an off-shore race boat, only backwards.

I'm not so sure about that, but for the first time in a long time, I have no way to properly evaluate a vehicle that Garry has dropped on the doorstep.

Like, at all. I usually write about "normal" passenger cars and not farm implements, so testing this one is a bit of mystery.

This new-for-2015 Chevrolet Silverado HD 2500 has a four-door cab and an eight-foot box — a long and rather unusual combination — and is built for pulling boats and horse trailers and hauling big rocks, probably all at the same time.

Guess I'll take it to get ... a coffee, then.

The truth is that most light-duty trucks are far too capable for the people who buy them. So who really needs a heavy-duty truck? Someone must.

Hopping up — way up — and in with my flip-flops and surfer shorts and T-shirt, I feel like a poser. A total fraud. I need overalls, workboots, and a hard hat or a stetson to operate this baby. The proper uniform is a must.

It seems ridiculous to even drive this \$76,110 2500 HD — a vehicle that can tow about nine metric tonnes — without something other than a 12-ounce dark-roast coffee as the ultimate payload. But off we go. It's like flying around in an empty cargo plane to deliver a letter.

As capable as I'm sure this truck is — since there is no real way for me to test it out — it's like living with an



The 2015 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD is built for pulling boats and horse trailers, or hauling big rocks, probably all at the same time. JEFF MELNYCHUK



This giant truck won't fit in your garage, or most parking spots.



The eight-foot truck bed is twice as long as the four-door cab.



The interior is decked out with all the luxury trappings you would expect to find in a \$75,000 vehicle.

elephant and not a vehicle. It won't fit in any garage that has a closing door. It has to live outside.

Nor does it fit in any normal parking spot, whether at the mall, on the street or at the coffee shop.

Let me make this clear: You can park it at home, at the job site and at the very back of the mall lot, next to all the those weird vacationers overnighting with their motorhomes. But that's pretty much it.

And despite a stiff suspension needed to control the motion of immense payloads, the HD rides pretty well, without hopping around, partly because the distance between the front and rear wheels is 14

Bang for the buck

- Wow: The real deal for pickups, pretty impressive, surprisingly smooth ride, built for real work, towing capacity, gets coffee no problem, diesel rocks.
- Hmm: You need to change your parking habits, all the good stuff costs extra — like 10 grand for the diesel.

Ready for anything

"Unfortunately, most of the real capability of this truck will go to waste, even by people who actually need such a workhorse."

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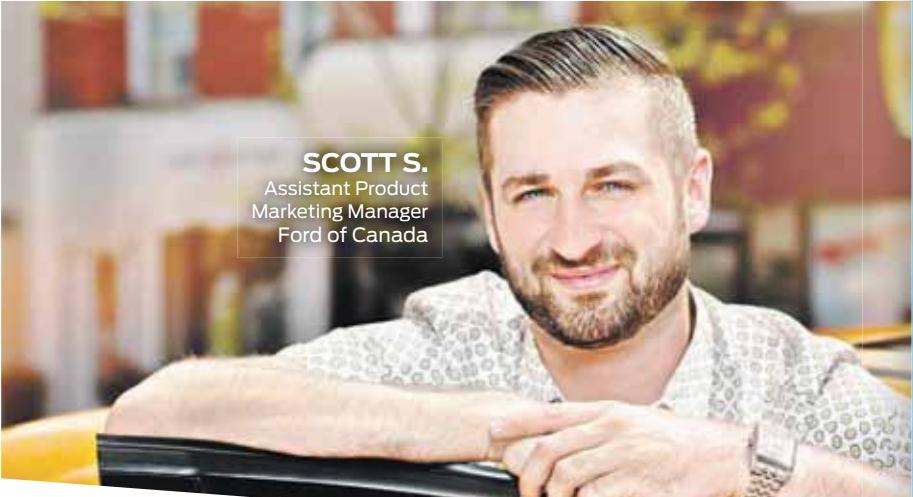
feet, which is longer than the average compact sedan.

Of all the options, the 397-horsepower Duramax Diesel engine (with 765 lb.-ft. of torque) is the most expensive, and useful, at close to \$10,000. It clobbers the base gasoline V8.

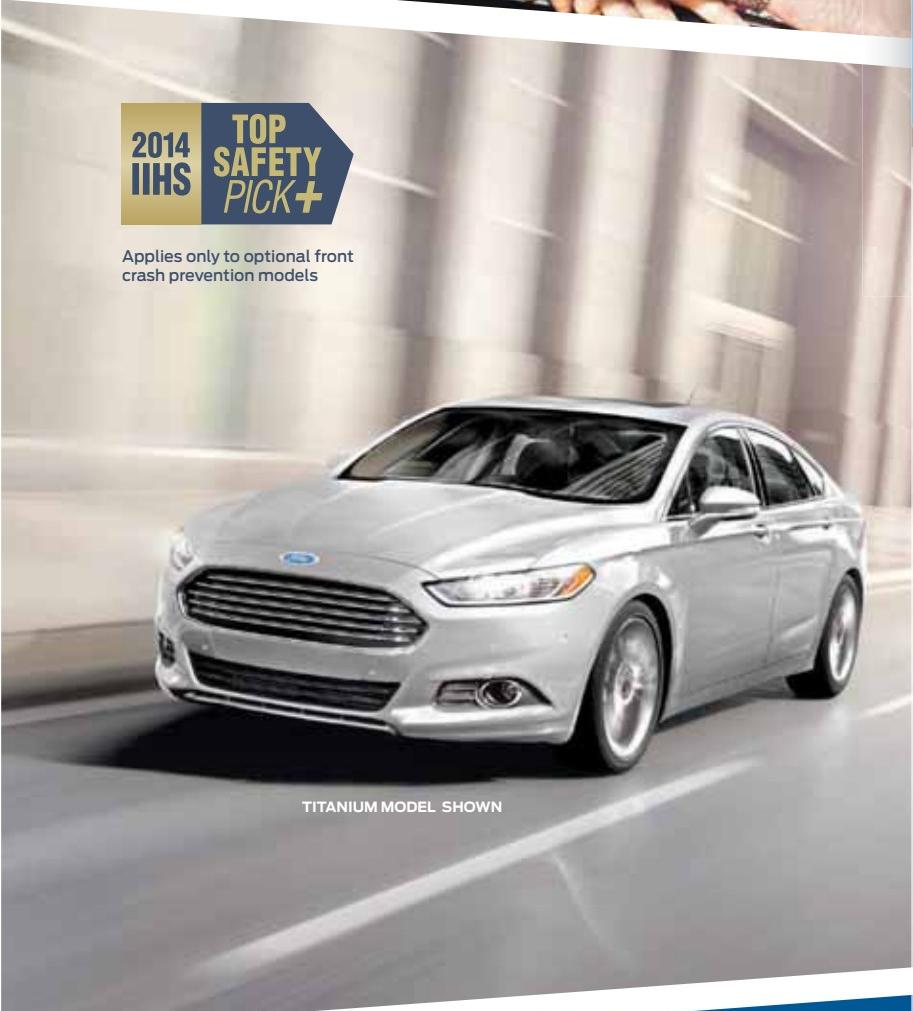
The Allison six-speed automatic transmission adds \$1,445. The \$1,600 polished 20-inch wheels cost nearly as much as the Z71 off-road package.

Because you're dealing with a huge truck, every add-on is bigger, with a matching cost. But most, like the backup camera, climate control and Bose audio system, are much appreciated.

Unfortunately, most of the real capability of this truck will go to waste, even by people who actually need such a workhorse. Even more so for someone like myself, with his piping-hot 12-ounce cup of dark-roast riding around in the cupholder.



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Car-bike turf wars destined to heat up

Autopilot. As cities work to ease gridlock and revitalize their inner cores, drivers will need to do a better job of sharing the road



AUTO PILOT
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How about that driver who was caught on camera a couple of weeks ago, driving down one of Vancouver's separated and dedicated bike lanes? I guess I laughed when I saw the video on YouTube. It had a charming Charlie Chaplin vibe I thought.

But maybe I shouldn't have laughed — the driver's actions almost caused one pedestrian and one cyclist to invest in some rural real estate ("buy the farm").

At any rate, the video got me, and a lot of others, thinking about the relationship between drivers and bicyclists.

They've always had an uneasy relationship, but things are looking to get even hairier in the next few years, as cities deal with gridlock and look to revitalize their inner cores.

To that latter point, this past Sunday morning, Toronto held a pilot project called Open Streets TO, where major portions of Bloor and Yonge streets were closed to vehicle use. Similar Open Streets projects have been successful in other major cities, including New York, L.A., Paris and Mexico City.

I suspect most of the hard lines taken by either bike or car fundamentalists are a result of the nature of their relationship — the forced sharing of precious and finite resources, in this case, public pavement. Nothing like a turf war to get your guard up.

The other element at play is that serious bicyclists and dedicated motorists tend to be born that way.

There are certainly converts going either way, but car people and bike people tend to be loyal to their respective teams.



Toronto's Open Streets event closed portions of Yonge and Bloor to clear the way for pedestrians and cyclists. TORSTAR

Earlier this summer, I used my bicycle for part of my journey to Chrysler Canada, where I was to pick up a test vehicle. I arrived at the same time as fellow auto scribe David Booth. He was aghast at my choice of transport and

wanted to revoke my auto journalist decoder ring.

And consider this quote from Grant Peterson, the noted American bicycling advocate, author, and proprietor of Rivendell Bicycle Works:

"Every now and then, a reporter gets a bike commuter to say high gas prices drove him to it, but I'm skeptical.

"I think most people, shot full of truth serum, would agree that even \$5 per gallon is a bargain for independent

travel up to at least 60 miles, with all you can fit into a car, from delicate flowers and chandeliers to infants and elderly folks. Try doing that on a bike or public transport."

He adds his bicycle-commuting ways also have nothing to do with a desire to do something green.

He does it because he doesn't like driving, but loves bicycling, and loves how it keeps him fit.

These are "personal payoffs," he says, "not philanthropic or far-seeing green ones, and I think that's the same for anybody."

If the goal is to get more people out of their cars and onto bikes, he figures it will take much more than cheerleading and current gas prices.

For the most part then, people who love cars will keep driving, and people who love bikes will keep riding.

So we have lots of work ahead, to keep them both achieving their mutual goal of getting around, along with the biker's other goal of staying out of the ER department.

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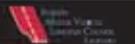
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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Keep your ideas simple today. The more complicated your plans get the more likely it is they will end in failure. You don't need to do anything out of the ordinary at the moment.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You need to give others the impression you are not the sort who can be easily manipulated. Act tough today, even if you don't feel tough inside.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you find yourself getting emotional for no good reason over the next 24 hours, remind yourself of all the things you have to be thankful for.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You have a lot to think about and you can't think straight with so much noise going on around you. Find a quiet space you can call your own.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If your inner voice tells you something today you must not ignore it. No matter what everyone else may be doing, if it does not feel right to you then give it a miss.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Stay where you are and don't start anything new today. You will get your chance to shine when the Sun enters your sign on the 23rd.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't try to stop a friend or relative from doing something you do not approve of. Most likely it will make them even more determined to do it, just to annoy you.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Don't give up on something just because you have grown bored with it. Use your intelligence to find ways to spice them up a bit.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The planets warn if you stick your nose in someone else's business you may have trouble getting it out again. Focus on what you enjoy and ignore everything else.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You appear to have pushed yourself a bit too hard of late and are beginning to feel the effects. Give yourself a break. Never mind about your work — it can wait.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

No matter what mistakes you have made, you must forgive yourself, and others, too. Grudges will hold you back.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Sometimes you can be rather stubborn and that could be a problem today if you refuse to abandon an idea that clearly is no longer worth defending.

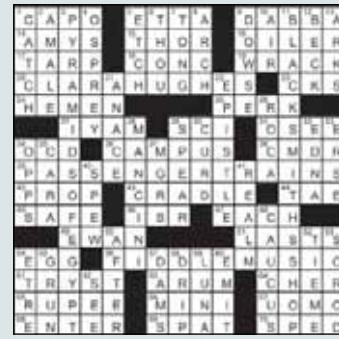
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Across

- Diner drinks
- It's opened/closed by a driver: 2 wds.
- Dish of the day
- "What if God was..." Joan Osborne hit: 3 wds.
- Julie ___, Montreal-born astronaut
- Scientific experiment critters: 2 wds.
- Fall colour
- Rocker
- Mr. Vedder's
- Kicker's accessory
- Sitarist, ___ Shankar
- They look like large alpacas
- Vodka brand
- Bartlett __
- Movie critic Jeffrey
- New newt
- 1958 Leslie Caron title role
- __ to Joy (Friedrich Schiller work)
- 1982 Canadian slasher flick: 2 wds.
- Ms. D'Angelo, to pals
- Court plea, __ contendere
- Green light buttons
- Invigorating
- Forecasting quotes, briefly
- Small argument
- Amazing store bargains
- I, to Socrates
- Antacid brand
- Abhor
- Beamed/smiled: 2 wds.
- __ of Alcatraz" (1962) starring Burt Lancaster
- Lake __ (It's on the Ontario-Quebec border)
- Cold country?
- Fringe" by Red Rider
- It could go either way...
- Backdrops
- Computer company
- One flying a tailed toy, say
- Gnaw
- Vintage album's protection
- Mountain"

- Web feed syst. for updates
- Commercials
- Doctor's determination
- Is __ (Most likely will)
- Heathered expanse
- Ampersands
- Compass pt.
- "Indeed!"
- Trucking vehicle
- Ken __, Winnipeg-born actor/filmmaker
- Apparition
- Green, to Gaston
- Jazz vocalist Ms. Anderson
- 'Tact' suffix
- Battleship letters in The States
- Blues guitarist Mr. King's
- Aerosmith's "Back in the __"
- Destroys
- Diminutive
- Jackal-headed Egyptian deity
- Subject
- TV holder
- "Drop me __." (Write!)
- Make __ meet
- "I'd consider __ honour..."
- Contracting proposal
- Hockey surface
- Particular political party person, puny-ly
- Tampa Bay football player, briefly

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